

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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May 11, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE EMERGENCY CONTRACTS FOR THE AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2009 WILDFIRES AND THE RESULTING DAMAGE FROM THE 2010 WINTER RAINSTORMS (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)

(4 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize the Director of Public Works to continue to negotiate emergency contracts, without advertising for bids, for repair and construction projects necessary to mitigate the August/September 2009 Wildfires and the resulting damage from the 2010 winter rainstorms and prepare and execute these contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel on behalf of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and the County of Los Angeles.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1. Find that actions, repair and construction projects, needed to respond to the August/September 2009 Wildfires and the resulting damage from the 2010 winter rainstorms are statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.
- 2. Find that there is a need to continue to authorize the Director of Public Works to negotiate emergency contracts, in an amount not to exceed a total of \$25 million and without advertising for bids, for repair and construction projects necessary to mitigate the August/September 2009 Wildfires and the resulting damage from the 2010 winter rainstorms pursuant to Section 22050 of the Public Contract Code and prepare and execute these contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel on behalf of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and the County of Los Angeles.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On September 8, 2009, your Board authorized the Director of Public Works (Director) to negotiate and execute emergency construction contracts, without advertising for bids, for repair and construction projects necessary to mitigate the August/September 2009 Wildfires and the resulting damage from the 2010 winter rainstorms. In accordance with the Public Contract Code, your Board must review the necessity of these emergency contracting procedures every 14 days. The recommended action is to authorize the Director to continue to negotiate and execute the necessary emergency contracts.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). This action will result in the expedited repair of the Department of Public Works' (Public Works) facilities damaged by the wildfires and the resulting damage from the 2010 winter rainstorms whereby the residents of the County will benefit and their quality of life will be improved.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

Funding for the emergency contracts is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Road Fund and Flood Fund Budgets. Public Works is seeking reimbursement under Federal and State disaster assistance programs for the work. The estimated total cost associated with the August/September 2009 Wildfires and the resulting damage from the 2010 winter rainstorms is \$172 million of which we have expended or encumbered \$39.3 million through April 24, 2010. We have used \$11 million of emergency contract encumbrance authority and plan to use an additional \$2 million in May 2010.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Station, Morris, and Rancho Palos Verdes Fires caused significant damage to facilities and roads throughout the County of Los Angeles (County), primarily within the Angeles National Forest. On August 28, 2009, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger declared that a State of Emergency exists within Los Angeles County and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the County proclaimed and declared that a local emergency exists within the County. At its meeting on September 1, 2009, your Board ratified the CEO's declaration of a local emergency.

On September 8, 2009, Agenda Item 61-A, your Board adopted a motion and resolution finding that an emergency situation existed that required immediate measures be undertaken to repair the damage, restore access to homes and businesses, and prevent and reduce potential flooding and damage due to mudflows. Your Board also authorized the Director to negotiate and execute emergency construction contracts for damage repairs in an amount not to exceed \$25 million. In accordance with Section 22050 of the Public Contract Code, your Board must review the necessity of these emergency contracting procedures every 14 days. Rainstorms in the burn areas have created a continuing need to enter into contracts on an emergency basis to repair the damage, restore access to homes and businesses, and prevent and reduce potential flooding and damage

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due to the mudflows. The aforementioned motion also required that Public Works provide written reports to the Board every two weeks concerning the status of all projects and the amount of funds expended. Enclosed is the latest status report for your reference.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The actions, projects, and repairs needed to respond to the August/September 2009 Wildfires and the resulting damage from the 2010 winter rainstorms are statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 21080 (b) (2), (3), and (4) of the California Public Resources Code, which exempt emergency repairs, actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency, and projects arising out of a state of emergency declared by the Governor.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action will allow the Director to continue to negotiate contracts for the repair and construction of projects necessary to mitigate the August/September 2009 Wildfires.

CONCLUSION

Please return an adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)

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County Counsel Executive Office

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS RECOVERY REPORT FOR THE AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2009 WILDFIRES AND JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2010 RAINSTORMS APRIL 28, 2010

DAMAGE ESTIMATES AND EXPEDITURE INFORMATION

August/September 2009 Wildfires

The cost estimates for damage repair and hazard mitigation activities are currently \$10.3 million and \$8.6 million, respectively, as shown on Attachment A. At this time, it is estimated that \$10.4 million of the damage repair and hazard mitigation expenditures will potentially be reimbursed by the California Emergency Management Agency, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Federal Highway Administration. The current list of emergency contracts totaling \$13.0 million is shown on Attachment B. Expenditures as of April 24, 2010, are as follows:

Total Expenditures (including overtime)	\$ 12,434,117
Total Encumbrances	2,096,028
Total Expenditures and Encumbrances	\$ 14,530,145
Total Overtime	\$ 912,334

January/February 2010 Rainstorms

The cost estimates for damage repair and hazard mitigation activities are currently \$18.1 million and \$135.0 million, respectively, as shown on Attachment C. At this time, it is estimated that \$139.2 million of the damage repair and hazard mitigation expenditures will potentially be reimbursed by the California Emergency Management Agency, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, since this storm event has now been declared a Federal disaster. Expenditures as of April 24, 2010, are as follows:

Total Expenditures (including overtime)	\$ 16,310,563
Total Encumbrances	8,468,421
Total Expenditures and Encumbrances	\$ 24,778,984
Total Overtime	\$ 1,693,021

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ROAD CLOSURES

Attachment D is a listing of road closures and estimated reopening dates for unincorporated County areas. This listing appears on Public Works' website at http://dpw.lacounty.gov. Please note that there are other road closures shown on the list that are not related to the August/September 2009 Wildfires or January/ February 2010 rainstorms.

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ATTACHMENT A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS RECOVERY REPORT FOR THE AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2009 WILDFIRES APRIL 28, 2010

County Funds

					County Funds	
		Disaster Assistance	Disaster Assistance	Road Construction	Road Fund	Flood Fund
Total Damage Estimates	Total Estimated Cost	(High Probability)	(Possible)	Program (SD5)	(O&M)	(O&M)
Fransportation		(5 1)/	(1111)	3 ** (= = /	()	(/
Guardrail Repair and Replacement	\$ 3,120,000	\$ 2,392,000	\$ 389,000	\$ 339,000	\$ -	\$ -
Signing and Striping Replacement/Restoration	212,000	205,000	,	-	7,000	
Road Shoulder, Culvert, and Tree Debris Removal	5,200,000	3,542,000	387,000	-	1,271,000	
Miscellaneous (Catch Basin, Headwall Repairs)	5,000	4,000	-	1,000	-	
Transportation Subtotal	8,537,000	6,143,000	776,000	340,000	1,278,000	
Public Works Buildings						
Office and Crew Quarters at RD 557A Subyard	1,215,000	900,000	_	-	315,000	
Public Works Buildings Subtotal	1,215,000	900,000	-	-	315,000	
Communication Systems						
San Gabriel Dam	15,000					15,000
Pacoima Dam	30,000		_	_	_	30,000
Big Tujunga Dam	150,000	28,000	_	_	_	122,000
Communication Systems Subtotal	195,000	28,000 28,000	_	_	_	167,000
Communication Systems Subtotal	193,000	20,000	-	-	-	107,000
Flood Control						
Repair Electrical System at Morris Dam	100,000	75,000	-	-	-	25,000
Repair Electrical System at Big Tujunga Dam	262,000	148,000	-	-	-	114,000
Repair/Replace Rain Gauges and Repeaters	15,000	-	-	-	-	15,000
Flood Control Subtotal	377,000	223,000	-	-	-	154,000
Total	\$ 10,324,000	\$ 7,293,000	776,000	\$ 340,000	\$ 1,593,000	\$ 321,000
						
Roadway Culvert Upgrades and Debris Basin Cleanouts/	Modifications Necess	sitated by the Fires				
Transportation						
Road Culvert Inlet Upgrades	\$ 1,429,000	990,000	245,000	194,000	-	
Errosion Barriers (K-rails - Unincorporated Area)	615,000	530,000	-	85,000	-	
Transportation Subtotal	2,044,000	1,520,000	245,000	279,000	-	-
Flood Control						
Debris Basin Cleanout	1,901,000	1,000	-	-	-	1,900,000
Debris Basin Modification and Expansion	2,746,000	343,000	-	-	-	2,403,000
Erosion Barriers (K-rails - City of La Canada)	300,000	210,000	-	-	-	90,000
Miscellaneous Damages/Repairs	391,000	, -	-	-	-	391,000
Engineering Advice and Investigation	1,170,000	-	-	-	-	1,170,000
Flood Control Subtotal	6,508,000	554,000	-	-	-	5,954,000
Total		\$ 2,074,000	245,000	\$ 279,000	-	\$ 5,954,000
Grand Total	\$ 18,876,000	\$ 9,368,000	1,021,000	\$ 619,000	\$ 1,593,000	\$ 6,275,000

ATTACHMENT B

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2009 WILDFIRES AND THE RESULTING DAMAGES FROM THE 2010 WINTER RAINSTORMS EMERGENCY CONTRACTS

	C				CONSTRUCTION		
ID	PROJECT NAME	DESCRIPTION/SCOPE OF WORK		COST	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE	
1	Station Fire - Angeles Forest Highway & Aliso Canyon Road Guardrail Replacement	Guardrail Restoration.	\$	696,000	October 6, 2009	April 2010 (Estimated)	
2	Station Fire - Big Tujunga Canyon Road Guardrail Replacement	Guardrail Restoration.	\$	532,000	October 13, 2009	April 5, 2010	
3	Station Fire - Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Road Guardrail Replacement	Guardrail Restoration.	\$	705,000	October 19, 2009	January 25, 2010	
4	Angeles Forest Highway - Station Fire Culvert Improvement Project	Construct trash racks or standpipes in culvert inlet areas within MD 5.	\$	237,000	December 2, 2009	January 11, 2010	
5	Big Tujunga Canyon Road - Station Fire Culvert Improvement Project	Construct trash racks or standpipes in culvert inlet areas within MD 5.	\$	211,000	December 1, 2009	January 15, 2010	
6	Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Road - Station Fire Culvert Improvement Project	Construct trash racks or standpipes in culvert inlet areas within MD 5.	\$	339,000	December 2, 2009	March 23, 2010	
7	Tree Removal	Remove burned/dead trees within County roadways in MD 5.	\$	550,000	September 2009	December 19, 2009	
8	Mill Creek Bridge - Bridge Rail and Approach Guardrail Replacement	Repair and replace fire damaged bridge railing and approach guardrails at the Mill Creek Bridge at Angeles Forest Highway.	\$	230,000	February 2010	April 2010 (Estimated)	
9	Misc As-Needed Contracts	Disposal services; facility sweeping	\$	1,500,000	November 2009	July 2010 (Estimated)	
11	Haul Trucks	Debris Removal	\$	6,000,000	March 2010	July 2010 (Estimated)	
	SUBTOTAL ENCUMBERED CONTRACTS		\$	11,000,000			
10	Debris Basin Expansions	Provide additional capacity at the Big Briar, Mullaly, Snover, Pickens, Starfall, Pinelawn, and Rowley Debris Basins.	\$	2,000,000	May 2010 (Estimated)	October 2010 (Estimated)	
	SUBTOTAL FUTURE CONTRACTS						
	TOTAL CONTRACTS	\$	13,000,000				

ATTACHMENT C DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS RECOVERY REPORT FOR THE JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2010 RAINSTORMS APRIL 28, 2010

		Disaster Assistance	Road Construction	Road Construction	Road Construction	Road Fund	Flood Fund
Total Damage Estimates	Total Estimated Cost	(High Probability)	Program (SD5)	Program (SD4)	Program (SD3)	(O&M)	(O&M)
Transportation							
Road Shoulder and Culvert Debris Removal							
and Emergency Protection Measures	\$ 14,247,000	\$ 8,890,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,357,000	\$ -
Guardrail Repair and Culvert Inlet Repair	305,000	295,000	10,000	-	-	-	-
Roadway and Shoulder Repair	2,796,000	2,650,000	52,000	-	94,000	-	-
Miscellanous Damages/Repairs	75,000	66,000	-	6,000	-	-	3,000
Transportation Subtotal	17,423,000	11,901,000	62,000	6,000	94,000	5,357,000	3,000
Flood Control							
Infrastructure Damage	725,000	680,000	_	_	_	_	45,000
Flood Control Subtotal		680,000	-	-	-	-	45,000
Total	\$ 18,148,000	\$ 12,581,000	\$ 62,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 94,000	\$ 5,357,000	\$ 48,000
Roadway Culvert Upgrades and Debris Basin/Reservoir C	Cleanouts						
Road Culvert Inlet Upgrades Transportation Subtotal	\$ 820,000 820,000	\$ 795,000 795,000	\$ 25,000 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ - -	\$ - -
Flood Control							
Debris Basin Cleanout	20,152,000	18,899,000	-	-	-	-	1,253,000
Reservoir Cleanout	114,000,000	106,875,000	-	-	-	-	7,125,000
Flood Control Subtotal	134,152,000	125,774,000	-	-	-	-	8,378,000
Total	\$ 134,972,000	\$ 126,569,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,378,000
Grand Total	\$ 153,120,000	\$ 139,151,000	\$ 87,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 94,000	\$ 5,357,000	\$ 8,425,000

Road Closures Page 1 of 1

Note: This list shows roads within unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County ONLY. Estimated reopening dates are subject to change without notice. Please check this site periodically before finalizing any travel plans.

Currently 13 road closures and 0 planned road closures. Last Closure reported on: 04/28/2010 07:18:03 AM

* Parking Restrictions/Observe Signs

CURRENT ROAD CLOSURES									
Street - From / To	Status	Reason	Begin Date ▼	Estimated End Date	<u>SD</u>				
RAMBLA PACIFICO RD. BETWEEN LAS FLORES RD. AND MM 0.82 NORTH OF AZURELEE DR.	ROAD CLOSED	ROAD CLOSED DUE TO A ROAD FAILURE BETWEEN MM 0.69 AND MM 0.80, NEAR HN 2053	02-05-2010	06-30-2010	3				
MT WILSON RED BOX RD from VIDEO RD to ANGELES CREST HY	CONSTRUCTION ZONE. EXPECT DELAYS	STORM DAMAGE REPAIRS	02-05-2010	TBD	5				
UPPER BIG TUJUNGA CYN RD from ANGELES CREST HY to ANGELES FOREST HY	CONSTRUCTION ZONE. EXPECT DELAYS	STORM DAMAGE REPAIRS	02-05-2010	TBD	5				
ANGELES FOREST HY from ALISO CYN RD to 1 MILE S/O UPPER BIG TUJUNGA CYN RD	CONSTRUCTION ZONE. EXPECT DELAYS	STORM DAMAGE REPAIRS	02-05-2010	TBD	5				
ANGELES FOREST HY from BIG TUJUNGA CYN RD to 1 MILE S/O UPPER BIG T	CONSTRUCTION ZONE. EXPECT DELAYS	STORM DAMAGE REPAIRS	02-05-2010	TBD	5				
BIG TUJUNGA CYN RD from VOGEL FLATS RD to ANGELES FOREST HY	CONSTRUCTION ZONE. EXPECT DELAYS	STORM DAMAGE REPAIRS	02-05-2010	TBD	5				
BIG TUJUNGA CYN RD from LA CITY LINE to VOGELS FLATS RD	CONSTRUCTION ZONE. EXPECT DELAYS	DUE TO ON GOING STORM REPAIRS	01-26-2010	TBD	5				
STONYVALE RD from 1200' WEST OF VOGEL FLATS RD to 4000' WEST OF VOGEL FLATS RD	CONSTRUCTION ZONE. EXPECT DELAYS	DUE TO ON GOING STORM REPAIRS	01-21-2010	TBD	5				
ANGELES FOREST HY from ANGELES CREST HY to BIG TUJUNGA CYN RD	CONSTRUCTION ZONE. EXPECT DELAYS	STORM DAMAGE REPAIRS	01-17-2010	TBD	5				
CHANEY TRAIL NORTH OF ALTA LOMA AT GATE.	ROAD CLOSED	CLOSED - OPEN TO RESIDENTS AND PERMITTEES ONLY- FOR ACCESS INFORMATION CONTACT THE USFS AT 626 821-6700	08-26-2009	TBD					
AVENUE C from 30TH STREET WEST to SIERRA HY	ROAD CLOSED	ROAD CLOSED DUE TO PAVEMENT FAILURE	04-02-2009	TBD	5				
VIDEO RD from MT WILSON RED BOX RD to AUDIO RD	ROAD CLOSED	CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AND NO EXPECTED DATE TO OPEN.	08-03-2006	TBD	5				
AUDIO RD from MT WILSON RED BOX RD to MT WILSON CR	ROAD CLOSED	CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AND NO EXPECTED DATE TO OPEN.	08-03-2006	TBD	5				